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### **JOHNSON CREEK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Mark Bergmann, 38, of Johnson Creek, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to distributing child pornography.

Bergmann sent an unsolicited image of child pornography to an individual during a Yahoo! chat room discussion on June 11, 2007. A subsequent search of Bergmann's Johnson Creek apartment lead to the recovery of additional child pornography. Bergmann has two prior Jefferson County, Wisconsin convictions for first degree sexual assault of a child (92CF198) (94CF211).

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for December 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. Bergmann faces a minimum penalty of 15 years in prison, and a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison.

The charges against Bergmann were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and

the Johnson Creek Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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